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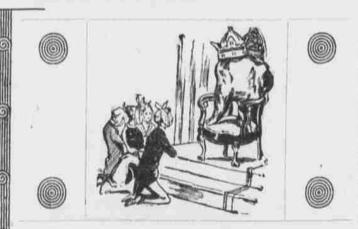
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### Padadadadadadadadadadada LORD METHUEN'S **FORCES ACTIVE**

Communication Has Been Restored With Modder River.

SITUATION IS YET CRITICAL

Boers Outnumber British, But Dissension Reported Among Them-Dispatch Prom Ladysmith.

LONDON, Dec. 4:50 u. m .- Lord Methuen's restoration of the rallway while relieving a load of anxiety here, accentuates the dangers still threatening his force. It is gathered from a brief. official dispatch that Commandant Fring Los' contingent was taken between the forces acting from Belmont and southward from Modder river.

Reports continue to come from Lady smith that dissesson exists among the Hoers, and ospecially that the Orange Free State troops are discontented There are also all kinds of rumors of movements, but the fact is, little is known here regarding the actual position of the Boer forces. Moreover, curpors of a collapse of the Bour spirit have been heard so often as not to cause much satisfaction now.

LONDON. Doc. 9.-General Forcespatch, dated at 9 o'clock last (Friday) and mansuevering with cavalry. evening to the war office from Cape-

talion of infantry were despatched from the Modder river against Commandant Prinz Loos and a force of wounded.

poort occupied Arundel Tuesday,

Gatacre are reported as follows: At afterward, his right think, captured a Dardwicht 800, merching from Jamesforces, strength under Molteno about brilliant stroke for which the garrison

"Lord Methuen reports his casual-| crul order. ties of December 6th on patrol duty as | There has been vigorous entreaching wounded, four men."

ern frontier by a dispatch issued by the Four agency last evening in Berlin. The dispatch says:

"Commandant Prinz Loos' force is near Jacobsdal, between Modder river and the Riet river. General Cronje is still on the north bank of the Modder river, his rear being protected by fortified positions at Spytfontein and those between Jacobsdat and Riet river are occupied by Boers. Commandant Delareis' force is stationed between Graspan and Honey Nest Kloof."

If this Berlin despatch be correctand it is especially significant when judged in connection with General Forestier-Walkers advices to the wur office-there must be some 15,000 Boers around Lord Methuen who is believed to have only 11,000 men.

near Ladysmith:

lenze but last night passed without an ago and its hyddite shells would be a attack. There was desultory cannon- source of strength for the relief col- ority named some of the majority ade this morning, the naval guns in unm. Cautious veterans who discussed leaders with their change of front in

SLIGHT BRITISH LOSSES.

Direct Dispatch From Ladysmith Giving Total ensualties Since November 1.

LADYSMITH, Thursday, Dec. 7.--vla Weenan.-The total British casualties here since November I are five officers and 26 men killed and 15 officers and 180 men wounde, with three missing. The Boer force is still around us to large well and cheerful

CONFIDENCE IN BULLER.

He is Believed to Have Ample Men to Carry Out His Plans For Relieving Kimberley and Ladyemith.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- A dispatch to the Tribung from London dated Dec.

Two great buttles are pending before Ladysmith and Kimberley, and the hotspurs are impatient to have them come. One leading English journal, impressed with the conviction that the situation of White's army is critical,

deprecates delay and well riigh raises IS MADE As ery of "on to Ladymith." It has also published evidence of large reinforcements which General 'Cronje has received from Natal and Mafsking to enable him to make a strong stand at Spytfontein.

The war office, saving allowed General Buller a free hand, is content to leave the campaign in his hands and devote its energies to the rapid dispatch of the fifth and sixth divisions and the arranging of the details of the mobilization of the seventh.

Military man outside of that office do not share the uneasy feeling of the Times that the garrison are in a critical condition and that the difficulties of the situation either on the Tugela or beyond the Modder are increased by the inaction of the British forces. They assert that both Generals Methuen and Clery, being in searchlight communication with the belonguered garrisons know what is going on and precisely how urgent is the need of cellef. They also maintain that the Dutch forces have less to gain by delay than the Bridsh, since concentration of forces is going on in both camps and the reserves of artillery and cavalry are a more important advantags for the two relief columns than the strengthing of the defences of Colenso and Spytfontain is for the enemy. The cituation, whom viewed compre-

bensively at midnight, was distinctly favorable to the Brithish side and there was no apprarent reason for hurrying, much tens rushing the campaige. General Methuen, on resuming command on Wednesday, had an additional brigade of infastry, another regiment of lancers and an increased force of artillery has well as cavairy. He was in much better position for using the bayonet and hammering the tier-Walker has sent the following dis- anemy's works with an artitlery fire

There were ample compensations for the delay in monding the bridges and if General Cronje had been reinforced Modder river has been reopened. A the Dutch allies were weaker in Natal A battery of field artiflery and a bat- and Mafeking was safer in consequence of the concentration of their

The localls of two sorties by Keke-1,000 Hoers with one gun, who had des- wich's garrison furnished by the war troyed the railway. Our lossess were 14 office. Rauter and special correspondents proved how well it was able to Belmont has been strengthened by protect itself. Taking advantage of infantry and two guns and a cavalry the weakening of the besieging forces regiment and the troops from Nanuw- by the withdrawals for the defence of Modder river, Kekwich's men attacked The enemy's force near General first the enemy's centre and then, right langer and four redoubts and destroytown to Dorrecht 700, with six guns; ed a large quantty of military stores at Stormberg, 1500; at Waterfall, large and foodstuffs. It was a timely and deserved Kekewich's thanks in a gen-

follows: Missing, Lieutenant Treystam at Spytfontein, but General Cronje will and four of the Tweifth Lancers; by in danger of having his retreat eastward to Jacobsdal cut off when Lord Some interesting light is thrown on Methuen advances to the attack. Meththe position of affairs along the west- uen's force is now estimated to be fully

The gravest feature of the situation teries around Ladysmith. While the Cresot and a nowitzer, two more stege guns had been brought up and, accord-Cresots, four big howitzers, two buttenics of long range field guns and other heavy ordnance were weakening been on the gold standard. steadily. The rations, moreover, had been reduced all around in the garri-General Buller not only knows there facts, but has provided so strong ant practically raised as soon as Clery is ready to strike the first blow.

The British forces in lower Natal are now essimated at 27,000 men and greatest democrat since Andrew Jack-BRITISH ADVANCE ON COLENZO. General Clery will have no less than 20,000 men for operations on either laughter on the democratic side) had PRETORIA, Thursday, Dec. 7.-The flank or Colenso. Buller may be waltfollowing dispatch, dated today has ing for the first six of the 18 powerful and dishonor. He described this probeen received from the head Lauger howitzers which were sent out from cedure as a "rape of all precedents," England. A single section of this but- and cited other cases where he said, "The Pritish are advancing an Co- tery arrived at Cape Town three days "gag rule," had been employed. Ladysmith replying vigorously to our the situation last night refused to be-scoming out flat-footedly for the gold lieve that Ladysmith could be reduced scandard, but Grosvanor and Cannon to extremitles when so large a British goodnaturedly replied that they had army was encamped 25 miles away.

There was an unconfirmed rumor years. during the evening that the Ladysmith The former said the democratic party garrison had made a successful sortle was the only living demonstration of the garrison was safe on Wednesday which refused to learn anything. and, unfortunately there was a more trustworthy report that Mr. George Lynch, the correspondent of the Ecno ROBERTS ADDRESS ANSWERED. had been captured by the Boers outside of the British lines. He is a brainy journalist, an excellent artist numbers, but all within the town are who did good work in the Santiago campaign and left London at 24 hours

notice to represent three journals. The advance of the Free State raiders on Dordrecht and other towns of Cape Colony is not regarded as a serious affair by experts in touch with the war office. General Gatacre is believed to be under orders to draw them on and hold them back from reinforcing the Duch armies in Natal and on the western border. He must have over 6,000 men on the East London line und General French cannot have less than 2,500 available for operating against Colesburg, with 1,300 troops at Port Elizabeth. But each general is play-

(Continued on page 4.)

Financial Bill Debate Commences Monday For One Week.

DECIDED BY A PARTY YOTE

Democrats Will Pight to Prevent Pulfillment of the Republican Currency Reform Pledge.

WASHINGTON, Dec 8 -The committee on rules of the house today decided to bring in a rule for consideration of the finance bill, the general debate to begin next Monday and continue until Friday, and with debate under a five-minute rule on Saturday, with a provision for vote Monday, December 18, immediately after the reading of the journal. Twenty minutes on each side will be allowed for debating on the rule.

Roberts, the Mormon representative elect, from Utah, was not in the house when it convened today. It was agreed that when the house adjourned today it be to meet on Monday. Daizeil (Pa.) from the committee on rules, then presented amendments to the rules agreed izens. upon by the committee for the creation of a committee on insular affairs to consist of 17 members to have jurisdiction "over all matters excepting They Resent the Purpose of the Repubthose affecting the revenues and appropriations," pertaining to the islands which came to the United States through the treaty of 1899 with Spain, and to Cuba, the membership of the committees on foreign affairs, merchant, marine and fisheries, public today considered the re-organization dands, military affairs, naval affairs, of the senate committees. A disposiand District of Columbia, from 15 to tion was manifested to resist the de-17 members, and the committee on ter-

ritories from 13 to 15. The resolution for the appointment ing committees, but no definite conof an insular committee was adopted clusion was reached. The democrats without division. Dalzell then offered are especially displeased with the prosa resolution for the consideration of the currency bill and spoke in its favor. Richardson, on behalf of the minority, dissented emphatically from the proposition advanced by Dalzeil, that the bill contained nothing radically new. For the first time in the history of the country it was proposed by statutory provisions to fasten a gold standard upon the country.

Balley declared the proposed course of the majorery was without precedent or defense. Dalzell closed the debate for a special order, and the roll was called on its adoption. The special order was adopted by a strict party vote of 163 to 144. At 1:30 the house adjourned until Monday.

Cannon, (rep. Ill.), in response to a in Natal is the marked improvement in thrust of Lichardson, frankly said that the artiflery practice of the Boer bat- he had voted for the free coinage of silver in 1878, but he had done so benaval gun had knocked out a big cause of the impending resumption of specie payments when the democratic party was howling for flat money. ing to the Times dispatches, three But specie payments had been resumed without disastor, despite democratic

Dalzeti closed the debate by recalling some of the rules under which democrats had forced through importbills in the Fifty-Second and a relief column that the siege will be Fifty-Third congresses. He referred particularly to the adoption of the cooforence report in the Fifty-Second congress upon the tariff bill, which "the pronounced a piece of party perfidy

Richardson, the leader of the minlearned something with the advancing

on Monday. Another bulletin was that the survival of a great organization The special order was then adopted.

He is Disqualified for Congress by Criminal Practics and Lack of Citizenship.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The answer to E. H. Roberts' address to the American people was made today by the delegation representing the gentile element in Utah who are here to op

pose Roberts. The answer says: If at the time of the passage of the enabling act Roberts was, as he seems in his appeal to admit, disfranchised by act of cougress and therefore not at full citizen of the United States as by the constitution he must be to become a member of congress, then he is still in the same condition, because the constitution of Utah could not restore him to federal citizenship and the en

abling act did not do it. Roberts says he has not been con-

### victed of a crime since statehood. It TAYLOR GETS does not follow that he is innocent. He is now a fguitive from justice in Sait SPECIAL ORDER Lake county on a charge of unlaw-A CERTIFICATE ful cohabitation, and in Davis county, Utah, where resides one of his polygamous wives, with her illegitimate twins,

by the Mormon prosccuting attorney.

Many sentimental people are being

ferred that he took his polygamous

wives when it was lawful to do so. This

plea for sympathy, therefore, amounts

to continue his criminal practices not-

wives in defiance of the law. We de-

mand that he should support his fam-

ifies but also demand that he shall

cease the begetting of further illegiti-

We disclaim any desire to have him

declared ineligible because he is a

Mormon, but solely because he is viu-

lating and defying the laws of our

state, the United State and of common

As evidence that the compact be-

tween the United States and the state

of Ltah has been broken, the answer

points out that in Utah 1600 Hiegitimate

children have been born to polygamous

wives since statehood. And that about

2,000 polygamous households now exist

DEMOCRATS DISSATISFIED.

licans to Assume Greater Rep-

resentation on Senate Com-

mittee.

mand of the republican senators for

increased representation upon the lead-

pect of not being able to fill one of the

KILLED IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Among Others Who Have Given

up Their Lives,

nesday, was the son of Henry B. Led-

yard, president of the Michigan Central

Lieutenant Ledyard, was at Yale at

career. Joining the patriotic rush of

Lewis Cass.

vacancies on the finance committee.

mate offsprings.

born August II, 1897, a charge of adul-Kentucky Board Finds Entire Retery (a felony under the laws of Utah) has been for two monans pigeonholed publican Ticket Was Elected.

misled by some of Roberts' very igenious suggestions, from which it is in- ONLY ALTERNATIVE OPEN

is a mistake. Adultery was a crime in Utah when Roberts was born. His Could Not Go Behind the County Reonly to this, that he should be allowed turns-Taylor Will Be Inaugurated Next Tuesday. withstanding he took his polygamous

> FRANKFORT, Ky., Die. &-The state board of elections tonight gave out their official report:

> The finding is that W. S. Taylor for governor and the rest of the republican nicket has been elected on the face of the returns. Commissioners Ellis and Pryor signed the majority report, in which they hold that as a board of canvassers, they have no right to go behind the returns as received by them from the counties which show the election of the republican state ticket. Accordingly, the report says, certificates of election were or leved issued to each candidate thereon.

in Utah and that attempt to secure the Commissioner Poyntz presents the punishment of these offenders is deminority report which he closes by saynounced by the majority of Utah's citing: "I am unwilling to certify to fraud and to turn Kentucky over to the control of the bayonet, gatting gun and fraudulent tissue ballots.'

Extensive preparations are being made to inaugurate Taylor next Tues-

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ELECTRIC LINE TO REPUBLIC.

SPOKANE, Dec. 8 -- Ex-Senator the outbreak of the Spanish war, and Warner Miller, of New York, and Jas. had outlined for himself a railroad F. McNaught, of Seattle, have taken an option on the water power at Kettle students, he enlisted in a New York Falls on the Columbia river, north of battery. Afterward he entered the reg- Spokane, and contemplate building an ular army as second lieutenant. He electric rullroad from the Spokane was a grandson of the famous General Falls and Northern road to Republic

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